

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 18 with the following:

In order to solve these shortcomings, a method of providing information in the form of three-dimensional content ~~of~~ has been proposed rather than the conventional method of providing information in the form of two-dimensional content. However, in the case of three-dimensional content, the data structure is very complicated so that, from a practical standpoint, it is difficult for people at large to handle the data. For example, when the data has to be modified, it is necessary to ask again the creator of the three-dimensional content for the modification. Also, in a case where the data size of the three-dimensional content is large while the available infrastructure is restricted, that three-dimensional content is hard to deal with. Irrespective of the widely known fact that the use of such three-dimensional content is quite effective, there are limitations on the application of three-dimensional content.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 22 with the following:

The information delivering server 1, the content generation terminal 2 and the gateway server 3 are connected to each other, preferably by means of a LAN and the like. The first information provider server 4a, and the second information provider server 4b are servers for providing information and serve to ask the information delivering server 1 for delivering and ~~modification~~ modification of the three-dimensional content and to send other requests. The first client terminal 5a, the second client terminal 5b, the third client terminal 5c are information terminals such as personal computers, mobile phones, PDAs and so forth which can be connected to the communication line 6. These terminals are connected to the information delivering server 1 to receive the three-dimensional content. The first client terminal 5a, the second client terminal 5b, the third client terminal 5c serve to manipulate the three-dimensional content provided for information presentation. The communication line 6 functions in a network such as the Internet, a personal computer communication network, a

packet communication network and the like. The gateway server 3, the first information provider server 4a, the second information provider server 4b, the first client terminal 5a, the second client terminal 5b, the third client terminal 5c are connected to the communication line 6 by wire or air through the access points of providers, gateway servers and the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 24 with the following:

The property information master storage device 16 serves to store the property information of the three-dimensional content as transferred from the first information provider server 4a, and the second information provider server 4b. The skeleton master storage device 17 serves to store the content of invariable components (skeleton) among three-dimensional content while the parameter master storage device 18 serves to store parameters designated by an information provider server.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 4 with the following:

The property information management unit 15a serves to register property information in the property information master storage device 16 and manage the property information such as the clients and the association information between the content skeleton and the content parameters for the respective three-dimensional content provided by the information delivering server 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8 with the following:

Fig.11 is a schematic diagram showing one example of the three-dimensional content D102 provided for a user for referring to seat information for tickets. By moving the eye view of the user, the user can perceive how ~~they~~ the user would ~~take in view~~ the stage from a particular seat. By this configuration, it is possible in advance to confirm the view angle provided from the position of the seat.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 3 with the following:

As described above, the first embodiment of the present invention is related to an information delivering system serving to deliver information through a communication network constructed by interconnecting communication lines. Namely, the information delivering system is composed of an information delivering server connected to a communication network and delivering three-dimensional content provided for presentation of information, and client terminals for receiving and displaying units of information through the communication network. The three-dimensional content as described herein is are generated by creating three-dimensional virtual space as projected onto a plane and arranging objects indicative of information within the three-dimensional space. The three-dimensional space as described here is a planar space giving information in a depth direction. In accordance with the present invention, objects are arranged in three-dimensional space and delivered as information including three-dimensional content. It is possible to provide an interface attracting the interest of the customers (users) by means of three-dimensional objects.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 17 with the following:

Fig.13 is a functional block diagram showing the content generation terminal 2 in accordance with the second embodiment of the present invention. The content generation terminal 2 is provided with a function suitable for delivering content through the communication line 6. The content generation terminal 2 is composed of an input device 21, an output device 22, a temporary storage device 23, a communication control device 24, a central processing control device 25 and a skeleton information storage device 27. The input device 21, the output device 22, the temporary storage device 23, the communication control device 24 and the skeleton master storage device 27 are similar as those of the information delivering content generation server 2 in accordance with the first embodiment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 27 with the following:

The content storage device 56 serves to store content received from the information provider delivery server 1. The external file storage device 57 serves to store external files which are linked when reproducing the content stored in the content storage device 56 such as image data, text data, music data, video data and the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 10 with the following:

The skinning data calculation unit 55b serves to calculate the data of the skin components 101a, 101b and 101c from the data of the bone components 102a and 102b provided by the content generation terminal 2 as illustrated in Fig.15. When the information delivering server 3 1 transmits three-dimensional content separately as skin components which are deformed by motion and the bone components which are not deformed by motion, the skinning data calculation unit 55b makes it possible to perform rendering by calculating the weight factors with the coordinates as given to the bone components corresponding to the respective coordinates as given to the skin components in order to determine the profiles of the skin components when reproducing the three-dimensional content.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 21, line 28 with the following:

When a start position and an end position are given together with the time period for moving from the start position to the end position, the interpolation unit 55c serves to perform interpolation of frames located with a predetermined time interval from each other between the start position and the end position. Namely, when the information delivering server 3 1 transmits three-dimensional content including a start position and an end position of a moving object and the time for moving from the start position to the end position, the interpolation unit 55c performs interpolation of images of the moving object by defining a plurality of frames with a predetermined time interval between the start position and the end position and dividing the distance between the start position and the end position by the number of said frames during reproduction of the three-dimensional content. Not only when an object moves through the coordinates but also when animation is generated within an

object, the respective coordinates are calculated taking into consideration the variation of the coordinates within the object due to the animation in addition to the variation of the coordinates of the object.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 28, line 22 with the following:

It is also possible to combine external files when reproducing in the case of the first embodiment like the second embodiment. Namely, in the case of the first embodiment, parameters can be combined when reproducing. In such a manner, it is possible to design a new system by selecting functions ~~among~~ from the functions provided in the first embodiment and the second embodiment.